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6	CAROL MOLNAR, MEMBER
7	PAUL EILBACHER, MEMBER
8	SAMUEL REISEN, SECOND ALTERNATE
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4	(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
5	was recited.)
6	CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Good evening.
7	This is a special meeting of the Board of
8	Adjustment for the Town of Westfield at which
9	formal action may be maybe taken. The public will
10	have the opportunity to be heard as the Board
11	considers this applications. Adequate notice of
12	this meeting was provided by posting on the
13	bulletin board of the town tall, mailing of the
14	notice to the Westfield Leader, the Newark Star
15	Ledger, and filing with the Town Clerk of the Town
16	of Westfield all in accordance with the
17	requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act.
18	Kathryn Razin, our Board Attorney,
19	will give a brief statement explaining the Board
20	of Adjustment's powers, purpose, and criteria for
21	granting variances.
22	MS. RAZIN: Good evening. The
23	Zoning Board has the power to grant variances from
24	the zoning ordinance. The Board can only grant a
25	variance in accordance with the Municipal Land Use

- 1 Law, and these can be (d) type use variances or
- 2 (c) bulk variances. In all cases, it is the
- 3 Applicant's burden to prove his or her case, and
- 4 the Applicant must demonstrate that the granting
- of the variance will not create substantial harm
- or negative impacts to the public, or substantial
- 7 impact to the intent and purpose of the zoning
- 8 plan.
- 9 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you, Katie.
- Jenny, can you please call the roll?
- 11 MS. MANCE: Sure. Chairman Fusaro.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Here.
- MS. MANCE: Vice-chairman Masciale.
- MR. MASCIALE: Here.
- 15 MS. MANCE: Mr. Cohen is absent.
- 16 Mr. Sontz.
- MR. SONTZ: Here.
- MS. MANCE: Ms. Molnar.
- MS. MOLNAR: Here.
- 20 MS. MANCE: Mr. Karame is absent.
- 21 Mr. Eilbacher.
- MR. EILBACHER: Here.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Reisen.
- MR. REISEN: Present.
- MS. MANCE: Thank you. Since there

- 1 are no meeting minutes or resolutions that we need
- 2 to address due to the fact that this is not a
- 3 regularly scheduled meeting but a special meeting.
- 4 We'll move right into the application for this
- 5 evening.
- This evening's application being
- 7 heard is ZBA Number 23-18 Valuca Realty, LLC, 232
- 8 Saint Paul Street. The Applicant has filed an
- 9 application for the change in use and occupancy of
- 10 a rental unit located on the lot known as 232
- 11 Saint Paul Street, Block: 3113, Lot: 10. The
- 12 change in use would be to allow Applicant's
- proposed tenant to occupy the rental unit for use
- 14 as a satellite office supporting the entity's
- 15 logistics business located offsite. The Applicant
- 16 requests the following relief from the town's
- 20 Zoning Board of Adjustment: (a) an overturning of
- 18 the zoning officer's February 12, 2023, decision
- 19 finding the proposed satellite office as not
- 20 permitted in a P-1 zone; (b) an interpretation of
- 21 Section 11.20a of the Town's Land Use Ordinance in
- the Applicant's favor finding the proposed as
- permitted; or (c) a use variance under NJSA
- 40:5D-70(d)(1) to permit the satellite office in
- 25 the P-1 zone. Waivers are also requested for the

- 1 submission of a formal site plan, and the
- 2 Applicant is currently the contract purchaser for
- 3 the subject lot and has consent of the owner to
- 4 bring the within application.
- 5 Please come forward. I just want to
- 6 make you aware that if the appeal of the zoning
- 7 officer's determination of February 13, 2023, is
- 8 not granted, then the application will move toward
- 9 a request for a d(1) variance which shall require
- 10 five affirmative votes from our board. Please
- 11 state your name and address for the record and
- 12 spell your name.
- MR. FLYNN: Sure. Matthew Flynn.
- 14 I'm from the Law Office of Savo Schalk in
- 15 Somerville. We're 56 East Main Street in
- 16 Somerville, New Jersey. I am the attorney on
- 17 behalf of the Applicant, Valuca Realty, LLC. And
- 18 everything you stated, Mr. Chairman, is correct.
- 19 We wanted to preserve all of our options when
- 20 coming to the board tonight. We are aware that if
- 21 our appeal on the interpretation challenge is
- unsuccessful, we are prepared to seek the d(1) use
- variance approval for occupancy for one of the
- 24 units as a satellite office.
- 25 As you stated, the Applicant is the

- 1 contractor purchaser of the lot known as
- 2 Block: 3113, Lot: 10 in your tax records better
- 3 known as 232 Saint Paul Street. We are here this
- 4 evening, we do appreciate the board convening a
- 5 special meeting to hear the application. We
- 6 realize that this board gets quite busy and we
- 7 really appreciate it.
- 8 With that being said, we did have a
- 9 hiccup heading here this evening. We received
- 10 very, very late notice that our professional
- 11 planner who was planning to testify, John
- 12 McDonough, from John McDonough and Associates. We
- also had contacted his associate, also Matthew
- 14 Flynn, to present testimony in support of the
- variance request tonight. I do have the
- 16 principal, the Applicant, here with me to be sworn
- in and basically state what he wants to do with
- 18 the property. We feel that this occupancy of this
- 19 site is a very small change and less intensive
- 20 than what is normally permitted in these units of
- 21 the P-1 professional office zone. We're talking
- 22 about -- and, again, he'll testify to this -- but
- the Applicant and one other employee occupying the
- 24 site. There won't be any customers. There's no
- 25 traffic. It's a perfect use and repurposing of

- 1 one the of units.
- 2 That being said, we do understand if
- 3 the board does require professional planning
- 4 testimony in support of the application. And
- 5 perhaps, Mr. Chairman, just in all transparency,
- if we can get our planner here tonight; great.
- 7 Otherwise, we defer to the discretion of the board
- 8 as to what proofs that you'll ultimately require.
- 9 MS. RAZIN: Just to clarify. Did he
- 10 indicate -- and I know John's schedule, I do know
- 11 that this does happen with John. I've had this
- 12 happen with John, so I understand. He's a lovely,
- very professional, wonderful planner.
- MR. FLYNN: He's the best.
- 15 MS. RAZIN: But it does happen. So
- 16 what did he...?
- 17 MR. FLYNN: He's in another town and
- 18 he's going to try to be available later tonight;
- if at all possible. But also, I have an Applicant
- 20 here who is a contract purchaser and doesn't want
- 21 his deal to fall through. And we do think, again,
- it's a very minor repurposing of the site. And we
- 23 would hope that the Board can understand the
- 24 circumstances and look favorably upon the
- 25 application. So I quess we'll start with the

- 1 Applicant, and then we'll see sort of how it goes.
- 2 And, again, I'm open to whatever you feel
- 3 Mr. Chairman.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you.
- 5 MR. FLYNN: So with that, I'd like
- 6 to have Matt Bevacqua, who is the principal of the
- 7 LLC sworn in for operational testimony.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Good evening,
- 9 Mr. Bevacqua. Please come to the mic and state
- 10 your name and address for the record and spell
- 11 your name for the secretary.
- MR. BEVACQUA: Sure. Matthew
- Bevacqua, 542 Arlington Avenue, Westfield. The
- last name is B-e-v-a-c-q-u-a.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Please raise your
- 16 right hand.
- 17 MATT BEVACQUA, having been duly
- sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Please proceed.
- MR. MASCIALE: Hold on, Frank, for
- one second. Can we just go over what we're --
- because I know we're going to hear the appeal of
- the zoning officer's decision. I just want to
- 24 make sure I understand because we're hearing
- 25 testimony. Is his testimony only in regard to the

- 1 zoning officer or are we starting -- or we have to
- 2 start at the use case if we go to the "d."
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Certainly, yes.
- 4 As we stated in the application, there are
- 5 basically two questions before us. And if we go
- 6 with one question, then it will possibly trigger
- 7 the second one. The first question before us is
- 8 as I've stated, the zoning officer has made a
- 9 determination that the use that you are requesting
- 10 is not permitted in the P-1 zone. That is the
- 11 zoning officer's decision. You have asked us to
- 12 weigh in on that. We can certainly address that
- first if you like or would you like to hear
- 14 testimony with respect to the zoning officer's --
- 15 or to us agreeing or not agreeing with the zoning
- 16 officer's determination?
- MR. MASCIALE: If there's testimony
- 18 with regard to the zoning officer's decision from
- 19 the Applicant, I think we should probably hear
- 20 that first.
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: So why don't we
- 22 proceed with that portion of it, and then we'll
- 23 make a determination as to whether we agree with
- 24 the zoning officer's determination or not. And
- 25 then we can continue if we go down the road of the

- 1 d(1) variance.
- MR. FLYNN: Okay. And I don't think
- 3 the two are necessarily not interrelated. I mean
- 4 we're ultimately going to say what he's going to
- 5 do on the site, and then you can determine with
- 6 question one, how the board feels; and then
- 7 question two, whether that furthers the proofs for
- 8 the potential variance.
- 9 BY MR. FLYNN:
- 10 Q. Mr. Bevacqua, can you just describe
- 11 your relationship to the Valuca Realty, LLC?
- 12 A. This property -- I have a logistics
- business and came upon the property just to use as
- 14 an office for myself and another employee. And
- 15 coming to the knowledge that in a P-1 zone, it
- 16 would be less intensive -- and, you know, than
- owner that's there, for my business because we
- 18 just want to move in, use the computer and a
- 19 phone; that's it. You know we're not having
- 20 customers or trucks. Nothing is coming there.
- 21 There is a P-1 professional renting in one of the
- 22 spaces in there. And I would like to use a space
- for myself and one other employee. And then offer
- 24 the additional space to other P-1 professionals
- 25 that want to rent it. You know, it needs a little

- 1 upkeep and I'm willing to do that and offer this
- 2 space to P-1 professionals. I just want to use
- 3 the space for myself, you know, as a satellite to
- 4 conduct business just to -- you know, phone,
- 5 computer, that's it. I'm only a couple of blocks
- 6 away from where I live so for me I can walk there.
- 7 We would have one car for the other employee and
- 8 that's it. We don't anticipate any traffic or
- 9 anything like that. We'd be extremely quiet. And
- 10 like I said, offer space to other professionals
- 11 that will need it in a nice setting. That's it.
- 12 Q. When you mentioned that you have a
- logistics company, can just go through what you do
- on a day-to-day basis?
- 15 A. Right. So our logistics is we deal
- 16 with export containers, containers going to and
- from the port. We are a hauler of wastepaper
- 18 recycling. So environmental various customers;
- 19 things like that. But in no way coming here, it's
- 20 all offsite at those lotions. We just need an
- 21 area where we can use our computer and our phone
- 22 and that's pretty much it.
- Q. Where are you doing this now?
- A. We're based out of Newark.
- Q. When you say you desire a satellite

- office, are you onsite in Newark every day or are
- 2 you home or a combination?
- 3 A. Mostly working from home. Just
- 4 because of some of the hours that we put in, it's
- 5 just more convenient. That's all we need. We
- don't need to travel just to get to Newark just to
- 7 use the technology that's there. It would just be
- 8 much more simpler and easier for us to have
- 9 someplace that's a little bit closer.
- 10 Q. So you basically have a
- 11 work-from-home capability now and you'd like to
- 12 occupy this unit to transfer that work-from-home
- capability into this unit at 232?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. Can you be a little bit more
- 16 specific with the board with what precisely you'd
- 17 like to do there once you occupy?
- 18 A. Once we occupy, you know, the
- 19 facility needs a little bit of upkeep. It needs
- 20 just flooring and painting and things like that.
- It needs to get a little more updated to have
- 22 other P-1 professionals to come in and occupy that
- 23 space. Like I said, there is one occupant in
- there. That's in a space that's fine for them and
- 25 they are willing it stay. So that's why we tried

- 1 to help that professional stay.
- 2 Q. And what does that tenant do?
- 3 A. They're a therapist, from my
- 4 understanding.
- 5 Q. Let's say that the Board were to act
- favorably on what you're looking for here tonight,
- 7 and you are able to occupy that unit; can you take
- 8 me through, you arrive at work, what's your
- 9 day-to-day operation as you're running this
- 10 operation from this satellite location?
- 11 A. Basically just coming in and, you
- 12 know, using the computer for the spreadsheets and
- 13 the systems that we use to run the operation.
- 14 It's very simple. It's just, you know, go on the
- 15 computer that we need to contact our customers.
- 16 That's basically it. We're just sitting at a
- 17 desk. We don't have anyone visiting us. We just
- 18 need that space to run the business.
- 19 Q. How many employees would be at this
- 20 site?
- 21 A. There would just be two.
- Q. You and one other?
- A. Correct.
- Q. And she's employed by you now?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. And what are your general hours of
- 2 operation?
- 3 A. Some would be -- some of the drivers
- 4 are up earlier -- it can be 6:00 to 2:00, you
- 5 know. There could be days where we just work from
- 6 home, we don't go there or just one of us is
- 7 there, or neither of us is there. It just depends
- 8 on the schedule. Or if I have meetings somewhere,
- 9 I won't be there so it would be one person. But
- 10 that's generally it. Sometimes we wrap things up
- 2:00/3:00 in the afternoon. And like I said,
- there will be no additional cars or anything like
- 13 that. One, maybe two at most. That's it.
- 14 Q. So you operate sort of a traditional
- 15 logistics hours of operation and that they're off
- 16 hours from your normal 9 to 5 peak hours?
- 17 A. Yeah. We're not working Saturdays
- 18 or Sundays. Just Monday through Friday; normal
- 19 house.
- Q. And you would match your hours
- 21 working this satellite office when you are there
- 22 with the hours that you have people out of in the
- 23 field; so to speak, 6:00 a.m. or 7 to 2:30 or
- 24 3:00?
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 Q. And I know you mentioned parking
- 2 briefly, but you and the other employee, maybe one
- 3 to two parking spaces per day?
- 4 A. That's right.
- 5 Q. And no customers or additional
- 6 visitors to the site?
- 7 A. Uh-uh. (Indicating in the negative.)
- 8 Q. Any deliveries or anything like
- 9 that?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. And you said most days, weather
- 12 permitting, you would walk because you're two
- 13 blocks away?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And do you sense any conflicts you
- would have in occupying with the other tenant on
- site or any of the other surrounding property
- 18 owners?
- 19 A. No.
- Q. Very low-intensive use?
- A. Exactly.
- MR. FLYNN: I have no further
- 23 questions at this time.
- CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you. I'm
- going to just ask a couple of questions. You've

- 1 answered some of them. One of my questions was
- 2 the hours of operation. You basically said there
- 3 are no weekend hours. It's generally a weekday
- 4 operation. Sometimes earlier in the morning. I
- 5 believe that you mentioned that you live on
- 6 Arlington.
- 7 MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Which is several
- 9 blocks -- I live in the neighborhood as well, so I
- 10 know that it's close by. You've confirmed that
- 11 there will only be in your office two employees;
- 12 yourself and another employee. How many people
- currently work in the therapist's office?
- MR. BEVACQUA: One.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: One therapist plus
- 16 her clients -- his or her clients?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: And the parking
- 19 requirements; currently the building only has one
- 20 tenant, so I assume there are no issues. You, at
- 21 most, will have two vehicles. And you said that
- you are looking to possibly bring in another P-1
- 23 professional tenant into the building. What
- 24 percentage of the building is currently occupied
- 25 by the therapist's office, approximately?

- 1 MR. BEVACQUA: She occupies one
- office. There is another space on the first floor
- 3 and then there's the upstairs which is all vacant.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Am I to assume
- 5 that there are currently three tenant spaces in
- 6 the building? Or four or two or one? You tell
- $7 \quad \text{me.}$
- MR. BEVACQUA: The upstairs;
- 9 there're three rooms upstairs, so they could be
- 10 individual. You know, essentially, they're just
- one-room offices. Really for one person.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: So the current
- therapist occupies a suite on the first floor?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: And you would
- occupy a suite on the first floor?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: And the second
- 19 floor is vacant?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Okay. It could
- 22 possibly be one additional tenant and possibly
- 23 two?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes. Yeah, one could
- 25 take them all upstairs.

- 1 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: So in total, there
- 2 could be four tenants in the building. Would you
- 3 say that's accurate?
- 4 MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: You've confirmed
- 6 the location of your logistics company; its main
- 7 operation is in Newark?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: And none of those
- 10 operations are going to be transferred to this
- 11 location?
- MR. BEVACQUA: No.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: The current
- 14 tenant, the child therapist, what lease terms do
- they currently have; do you know?
- MR. BEVACQUA: It's A
- month-to-month.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: It's
- month-to-month?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yeah.
- MR. FLYNN: And you're -- sorry,
- 22 Mr. Chairman -- and you would be interested in
- 23 keeping that tenant long-term; if possible?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yes.
- MS. MOLNAR: How many parking spaces

- 1 are there currently?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Five. I think five,
- 3 plus, there is a garage.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: It's a two-car
- 5 garage.
- MR. BEVACQUA: There's a two-car
- 7 garage and I believe there are five spaces in the
- 8 back.
- 9 MS. MOLNAR: Can you park in the
- 10 garage or is it filled with stuff?
- MR. BEVACQUA: The owner is
- 12 occupying one side. He has somebody renting his
- 13 second space. But, yes, cars could fit.
- 14 MS. MOLNAR: It's not available
- 15 then?
- 16 MR. BEVACQUA: I don't know what the
- 17 current owner's plan is. Like, yes, he would be
- 18 moving his contents out of his space. I don't
- 19 know what the agreement is with the second space.
- MR. REISEN: On that agreement, when
- 21 you say "rents to someone" are you saying they
- just rent a spot or someone is living in there?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yeah, they're renting
- it to put contents.
- 25 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: It's being used as

- 1 a storage unit.
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yeah.
- 3 MS. MOLNAR: So there're three rooms
- 4 upstairs, that's three tenants, and one room
- 5 downstairs for the therapist and one for you;
- 6 that's five tenants, five parking spots right
- 7 there. Plus, you and you're going to have an
- 8 assistant. Now we're up to six parking spots.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: Well, that's actually
- one of the reasons that we feel this application
- 11 is so appropriate is because if the Board were to
- 12 find that this is not a professional office use, a
- 13 professional office, in your ordinance, requires a
- 14 higher parking demand than a non-professional use.
- 15 We're basically taking a property that, as we can
- 16 see from the board here, that with a full
- occupancy of five total tenants may have parking
- 18 concerns, and we're saying we're taking some of
- 19 those away because we are required to have less
- 20 parking with a general office use as opposed to a
- 21 professional office. So should the Board not look
- favorably on our application/interpretation
- 23 request, I would submit that one of the things
- that support a variance, in this case, is the fact
- 25 that the Applicant's change in use proposed

- 1 requires less parking.
- MS. MOLNAR: How many parking spots
- 3 right now are required for this building?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: So the P-1 zone, it's
- 5 one space per 200 square feet of area. General
- office is one space per 250 square feet of area.
- 7 And I believe the building in total -- I think
- 8 it's 2,400 square feet.
- 9 MS. MOLNAR: Let's see.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Based on those
- 11 numbers, it would appear that they would need
- 12 approximately 10.
- MS. MOLNAR: Ten spots.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: About 2,500 square
- 15 feet, 250 square feet --
- 16 MS. MOLNAR: Does he need a use
- 17 variance -- does he need a variance for the
- 18 parking?
- MR. FLYNN: I would submit not at
- this time because we're only proposing the change
- in use. And if it's an existing nonconformity;
- this tenant requires less parking as a general
- office as opposed to a professional office, and
- therefore, it wouldn't trigger a variance
- 25 exercising or surcharging preexisting

- 1 nonconforming.
- MS. RAZIN: There's no change to the
- 3 conditions?
- 4 MR. FLYNN: Right.
- 5 MS. MOLNAR: Okay. So it's
- 6 preexisting is what you're saying?
- 7 MR. FLYNN: Right. The law exists
- 8 and the spaces exist as they did if all were to be
- 9 occupied as P-1 professional office tenants.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: And, Jenny, do you
- 11 know -- I know there's a parking lot on that
- 12 street, is there a time limit on the parking on
- 13 that street? Do you know?
- MS. MANCE: Not that I'm aware of,
- 15 no.
- 16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: There is.
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: We'll bring you up
- in one second, sir. Any other Board Members have
- any other questions at this time for the Applicant
- or their attorney?
- MR. REISEN: Just the therapist
- doesn't have like a scheduler or assistant that
- 23 goes there too?
- 24 MR. BEVACQUA: The times that I've
- 25 been there, I've only seen the therapist and one

- 1 client. That's it.
- 2 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you.
- MR. FLYNN: And just because this
- 4 issues will come up. Based on your personal
- 5 observations of the parking situation in front of
- 6 that building, is there street parking on an
- 7 average day?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Yeah. When I arrive,
- 9 I just park in front of the building. There're
- 10 spots always open right there on the street, yes.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: I don't have any
- 12 further questions for the applicant. If anyone in
- 13 the audience would like to address the
- 14 application, please come forward and state your
- 15 name and address for the record.
- MS. RAZIN: Is he going to ask
- 17 questions for the --
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: I don't have any
- 19 additional questions.
- MS. RAZIN: I'm saying is he going
- 21 to ask questions?
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Sir, please come
- 23 forward.
- MS. RAZIN: Sir, are you asking
- 25 questions or are you going to address the

- 1 application in terms of your -- do you have a
- 2 comment or questions?
- 3 MR. LUZZI: Probably both.
- 4 MS. RAZIN: Probably both, okay.
- 5 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Please state your
- 6 name and address for the record and please spell
- 7 it.
- 8 MR. LUZZI: Thomas Luzzi, L-u-z-z-i,
- 9 411 Saint Marks.
- 10 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Please raise your
- 11 right hand, Mr. Luzzi.
- 12 THOMAS LUZZI, having been duly
- sworn, was examined and testified as follows:
- 14 MR. LUZZI: I don't believe I'm
- 15 going to testify, but I only intend to --
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: The statement
- 17 you're going to be making; alright.
- 18 MR. LUZZI: The statement or the
- 19 questions I ask will be to the best of my ability
- or the best of my knowledge truthful.
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Excellent. Please
- 22 continue.
- MR. LUZZI: I'm very new to this
- 24 process. I received the notification from your
- 25 office. There're a lot of codes, and I can't

- 1 interpret many of the codes, but I've been
- 2 listening to the conversations. There're a couple
- 3 more things that I'd like to get a little bit more
- 4 definition on if I can in terms that are being
- 5 used such as "logistics company" and I think I
- 6 hear you say "documentation for transfer of
- 7 goods." So supply chain -- (Indiscernible.) Are
- 8 you involved in possession of the goods that you
- 9 are in a logistics service of?
- MR. BEVACQUA: We transport products
- 11 from the customer to the port.
- MR. LUZZI: Right. So do you intend
- to bring the product to this facility?
- MR. BEVACQUA: Absolutely not. It's
- 15 strictly an office for computer and phone. There
- 16 will be no product, nothing coming to this
- 17 facility at all.
- MR. LUZZI: Another aspect of the
- service that I think you provide is tremendous
- 20 documentation to the title of transfer and
- 21 logistical items. That usually brings with it a
- lot of courier services. Do you presently have a
- lot of courier services coming like FedEx?
- 24 MR. BEVACQUA: No. No courier
- 25 services.

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1 MR. LUZZI: Okay. There was a
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- 2 question about the parking in the area. I live a
- 3 couple of houses in; there's no parking by about
- 4 7:00 a.m. every spot is taken. When the parking
- 5 authorities in the town are active, they do rotate
- 6 through very, very quickly, but in the Covid
- 7 environment they haven't been, so there's
- 8 overflow. And the overflow starts to encroach up
- 9 on Lenox, up on Sycamore, and on Tremont all the
- 10 way up. There are signs posted for two-hour
- parking from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. but they
- 12 haven't been enforced in years.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: So there's
- 14 `two-hour parking there. Okay.
- 15 MR. LUZZI: Not only on Saint Paul's
- 16 all the way up on Saint Marks, and I believe
- 17 Tremont as well. So there are cars lined up all
- 18 the time, so much so that residents cannot park in
- 19 front of their homes. Westfield residents
- 20 probably realize the parking issues in this town.
- 21 It becomes troublesome. Especially when there are
- home care professionals coming into the homes or
- visitors or grandmas and grandpas. There's not a
- lot of places to park.
- 25 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Yes, I know in

- 1 that area, a lot of the street parking is taken up
- 2 by postal workers. I see them parking their cars
- 3 in that area.
- 4 MR. LUZZI: Other service providers
- 5 as well, yes. It's true. You can see them
- 6 shuttling their postal trucks up and down to their
- 7 cars. Which is they're doing what they have to
- 8 do. But it doesn't seem as though it's a timing
- 9 process and it leads to -- well, it leads to
- 10 things that shouldn't be there.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Understood.
- 12 MR. FLYNN: Mr. Chairman, a brief
- 13 response; if I may.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Sure.
- 15 MR. FLYNN: And I understand the
- 16 resident's concern. Our position is that
- eventually the units will be occupied by a
- 18 traditional P-1 professional which would surcharge
- 19 the parking on the site. What we're trying to
- 20 propose here is a less intensive use with less
- 21 parking. We're coming in as a resident of the
- town who wants to use a unit as a satellite office
- 23 for an offsite facility. There's no interaction
- 24 with that facility other than phone, email,
- 25 computer. And what we're trying to do is improve

- 1 the parking because he's not going to have any
- 2 customers, no clients, no visitors to the site.
- 3 It would just be just him and one other person.
- 4 So, if anything, he's lessening the issue with the
- 5 parking in the area.
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Understood.
- 7 MR. LUZZI: Is this an acquisition
- 8 of that building? Is this an acquisition?
- 9 MR. FLYNN: He's a contract
- 10 purchaser.
- 11 MR. LUZZI: I'm not sure what that
- means.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: A contract
- 14 purchaser means he is purchasing the building I
- 15 would assume with the condition that his use be
- 16 approved. If it's not approved, then I don't
- 17 think -- he would possibly not purchase the
- 18 building. So he doesn't currently own it, but
- 19 he's going to be purchasing it. He will be a
- landlord and he wants to occupy space in his own
- 21 building.
- MR. LUZZI: And then, bear with me
- on the codes. The new use is different than all
- the other properties on Saint Paul? They're all
- 25 therapists, dentists, attorneys.

- 1 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: That's a P-1 use.
- 2 That side of the street; there're architects,
- 3 attorneys, there are accountants. They're all
- 4 along that side of the street. His use is not
- 5 considered a professional use the way -- in a
- 6 strict, literal interpretation of the zoning
- 7 ordinance.
- 8 MR. LUZZI: Okay. And then once the
- 9 -- so the entire building, the entire facility
- 10 will transition into this new usage; is that
- 11 correct?
- 12 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Say that again.
- 13 I'm sorry.
- MR. LUZZI: The building, once
- 15 acquired, will transition to this new usage?
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: No. Just this
- 17 space. And if we grant the application, the
- 18 variance, we would more than likely attach a
- 19 condition to it. Something along the lines of
- 20 once he moves out, this variance will basically
- 21 become null and void. And if a new applicant
- comes in that's a P-1 use, he doesn't need to
- 23 appear. But if a new applicant comes in that has
- 24 a professional use, like he would, then he would
- 25 have to come before us again.

- 1 MR. LUZZI: Thank you for that. So
- 2 it will have a sunset to it?
- 3 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Correct.
- 4 MR. LUZZI: And that will be a firm
- 5 sunset, not potential sunset, it will be firm that
- 6 if there's a transition of --
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: If another -- he
- g just mentioned that he's going to be looking for
- 9 an additional tenant. If the additional tenant is
- 10 a P-1 use tenant, then he will not come before the
- 11 Board. If that tenant is not a P-1 use tenant, he
- would have to come before the Board and ask for an
- 13 additional variance for that particular tenant.
- MR. LUZZI: Is the change in use
- 15 revocable for cause or any reason?
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: I don't...
- MS. RAZIN: If there were a specific
- 18 condition to the resolution that was not being met
- and the zoning officer went out, they would have
- 20 to resolve those conditions. But it's not
- 21 revocable, per se. It's that they would have to
- resolve the conditions in the approval in order to
- 23 be in line with what the board conditioned and
- granted the approval upon. I don't know if
- 25 "revocable" is the right word.

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1 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: He has to abide by
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- 2 whatever conditions we place on him.
- 3 (Crosstalk.)
- 4 MR. REISEN: I think he'd
- 5 (indiscernible.)
- 6 MS. RAZIN: Right. I mean whenever
- 7 the zoning officer determined is the penalty for
- 8 not meeting the conditions at that time. Or if
- 9 there was another zoning violation in general that
- 10 they were not meeting, in general, and any
- 11 property that's supposed to meet, then they would
- 12 be, you know, penalized for it.
- MR. FLYNN: This variance only
- 14 applies to his specific use. If he were to sell
- 15 the property and another tenant would want to come
- in with a completely different use that wasn't a
- 17 P-1 use, they'd be right back before the Board.
- 18 MR. LUZZI: Yes. I think that's
- 19 what I heard. And then the hours and days of use.
- 20 Again, logistics is global. Logistics is 24/7,
- 360; not to be cliche. But I heard the intention
- is typical business hours; 6 to 3. Is that what
- 23 the commitment is or it could expand, it could
- 24 grow, it could evolve?
- 25 MS. RAZIN: I don't know -- I don't

- 1 think the Board has gotten to the point of
- 2 discussing whether it had any intent of limiting
- 3 the hours. And I don't think -- I don't think --
- 4 MR. LUZZI: I'm not asking to limit.
- 5 I'm asking what the expectation is. I'm in not a
- 6 very different business, and I'm 24/7.
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: I believe the
- 8 Applicant has testified that he's going to be
- 9 using general business hours.
- MS. RAZIN: Not Saturday and Sunday.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Not Saturday or
- 12 Sunday. Monday through Friday, general business
- hours. Not 3:00 in the morning.
- 14 MR. LUZZI: Yeah. And that's what I
- 15 wrote down as well. Okay. Thank you for your
- 16 time.
- 17 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you. Is
- there anything you'd like to add in closing?
- 19 Arguments? Discussions?
- 20 MR. FLYNN: No. I mean at this
- 21 time, Mr. Chairman, and because of the peculiar
- 22 situation with our planner not being available, we
- 23 would like some feedback on the Board so we sort
- 24 of know where we stand. If the Board tells us
- 25 we're not inclined to grant anything without

- 1 professional planning testimony, we could go back
- 2 to the drawing board. But at this point, I'd like
- 3 to conclude our direct examination of this witness
- 4 and hope that you find in our favor.
- 5 MS. MOLNAR: One question. The
- 6 survey you received, it was 1996. Are you in a
- 7 position to say how the building today differs
- from the '96 survey? It shows a garage underneath
- 9 the house.
- 10 MR. FLYNN: From what the Applicant
- 11 has stated tonight and the picture we've provided,
- it looks to be basically exactly the same.
- MS. MOLNAR: There's no garage in
- 14 the house though; right?
- 15 MR. FLYNN: A garage in the house?
- 16 MS. MOLNAR: Yeah. It says "garage
- 17 under" from the '96 survey.
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Apparently, the
- 19 home -- and I don't know if it was in addition to
- the rear, to the garages that are in the rear or
- if it's a typo on the survey -- apparently, that
- corner of the home either had a garage as part of
- 23 -- an attached garage -- obviously, there is no --
- I walk by it -- there is no garage that is
- 25 currently part of that building structure; is that

- 1 correct?
- MR. BEVACQUA: There was a detached
- 3 two-car garage in the back.
- 4 MS. MOLNAR: You can probably access
- 5 it in the rear at the time when there was a
- 6 garage.
- 7 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Okay. Any other
- 8 Board Members have any other questions before I
- 9 close that portion? I'm going to close that
- 10 portion of the meeting and open it to Board
- 11 discussion. You'll obviously hear our comments
- and then we'll bring you back up. Okay?
- MR. FLYNN: Excellent.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: We've heard
- 15 basically from the Applicant, their attorney, a
- 16 neighbor from the neighborhood there. I believe
- that we've asked the pertinent questions.
- 18 Everyone is on record with respect to the hours of
- 19 operation and the parking requirements, the number
- of employees both at the logistics office and the
- therapist, and a possible future tenant in the
- 22 building. As the Applicant's attorney has
- 23 mentioned, the use that they are requesting does
- 24 require less parking than the professional use for
- 25 that area. There is parking on the street,

- 1 however, we've heard that it's limited most days.
- In my opinion, the literal
- 3 interpretation of the P-1 professional office
- 4 district zone as made by the zoning officer, in my
- 5 opinion, is correct. This use is not a permitted
- 6 use if you literally interpret that ordinance. As
- 7 such, I would say that we uphold the zoning
- 8 officer's decision, and we can move forward with
- 9 the d(1) variance request. How does the rest of
- 10 the Board feel?
- 11 MR. MASCIALE: I totally agree with
- 12 you, Frank, reading the literal interpretation. I
- 13 think the zoning officer was correct. And I think
- that's the purpose of the zoning the way it's
- 15 written is to come in front of the Board. Where
- here's a case in which actually it could be
- 17 better. You know. I mean there's some more
- 18 testimony we're going to hear, but right now, this
- 19 could be less intensive. The purpose of this
- 20 Board is to sit and look and make that
- 21 determination. Just because it literally says and
- it doesn't have a case, it doesn't mean that it's
- 23 not a good fit for the neighborhood. And that's
- 24 what the Board is here for. And I would support
- 25 in upholding the zoning officer's decision. And I

- 1 would like to hear a case for the d variance.
- 2 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Matt?
- MR. SONTZ: Yeah. I agree. I think
- 4 the zoning officer got it correct. Unfortunately,
- 5 that's how the ordinance is written. As far as
- 6 the "d" I'm totally supportive of granting the
- 7 "d." I was a tenant of 220 Saint Paul for 10
- 8 years. There was a lawyer's office there, we had
- 9 four offices. He was only using three and rented
- 10 and rented out to me upstairs, it was five
- offices, there was a common bathroom, and it was
- 12 all therapists. And every building on the street
- or next to it is exactly the same. I always found
- 14 plenty of parking on the street if there happened
- 15 to be not enough parking in our back parking lot.
- 16 Which is exactly like this one; it was a
- five/six/seven car parking lot. It's very
- 18 standard for the area. You know, as lawyers and
- 19 as accountants, you hate the day. You have to be
- there on nights or weekends, but it happens. No
- one is there on nights and weekends on Saint Paul
- 22 Street. So if it happens to be the case it has to
- 23 be there on the weekend, it's office work. It's
- 24 not like hammering and sawing. No one is going to
- 25 hear him in the office with his computer. So I

- don't think we need any restrictions on dates or
- times. It's office work. And you've two people
- 3 there using it as an office which is the same as
- 4 what is allowed. I think the argument is right on
- 5 points say. If we say no to this, then we lose
- 6 the right to say anything and the next person
- 7 could be more intensive. This helps the
- 8 neighborhood. This clearly meets the positive and
- 9 negative criteria. I see no reason not to approve
- 10 it.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you. Carol?
- MS. MOLNAR: Yeah. I agree we
- 13 should uphold our zoning officer's decision. The
- only thing that's bothering me is that the
- 15 Applicant testified that he is bringing in other
- 16 professionals. So they're asking for us to agree
- with the position that the parking has to comply
- 18 with the business administrative -- business
- 19 administrative parking rather than professional.
- 20 I say it still should comply with the professional
- one per 200. I don't think we should change that
- 22 at all. I don't think that we can change this
- application, it's all preexisting; right?
- CHAIRMAN FUSARO: It's all existing,
- 25 yes.

- 1 MS. MOLNAR: But the future owner,
- 2 it still should comply with the professional zone
- 3 parking.
- 4 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Paul?
- 5 MR. EILBACHER: I think the
- 6 application certainly meets the spirit of the
- 7 zoning ordinance. I agree with the zoning
- 8 officer's determination. It doesn't meet the
- 9 letter, but it's real close. So I personally
- 10 would support it. I would even support a
- de minimis exception, but I'll certainly support
- 12 the use variance.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you. Sam?
- MR. REISEN: Yeah, I struggle a
- 15 little bit with the interpretation. But I will
- defer to smarter minds than mine. The management
- thing kind of has me because when you look at it,
- it's arguably very close because this is
- definitely something of management function that's
- 20 being proposed here. But I would support the d
- variance for it as well if that's the way we're
- 22 going to go.
- CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Great. So with no
- other comments from the Board, you've heard our
- 25 discussion, it appears that we are all in favor of

- 1 upholding the zoning officer's determination, and
- 2 then we can move forward with your request for a
- d(1) variance. Now, do we need to vote on that?
- 4 MS. RAZIN: I would do two separate
- 5 motions. I would do a motion on the
- 6 interpretation. Actually, there were sort of two
- 7 requests. You could probably do those together
- 8 because it was an (a) and (b.) And then if you're
- 9 ready to conclude on the d(1) you could do it as a
- 10 second motion.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: So the first
- motion I would like to request is a motion based
- on the determination of the zoning officer -- of
- 14 upholding the determination of the zoning officer,
- 15 and --
- 16 MS. RAZIN: And interpreting that
- 17 the --
- 18 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: -- the request is
- 19 not de minimis.
- 20 MS. RAZIN: And does not fall within
- 21 the category of permitted uses.
- 22 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Correct.
- MR. MASCIALE: I'll make a motion to
- 24 accept the zoning officer's determination, and
- 25 that this does not fall as a de minimis use.

- 1 MR. REISEN: Seconded.
- 2 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Jenny, can you
- 3 please call the roll?
- 4 MS. MANCE: Sure.
- 5 MS. RAZIN: I'm sorry. So wait, I
- 6 was writing the motion.
- 7 MR. MASCIALE: Yes to uphold the
- 8 zoning officer's decision.
- 9 MS. RAZIN: Got it.
- 10 MS. MANCE: Chairman Fusaro.
- 11 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Vice-chair Masciale.
- MR. MASCIALE: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Cohen.
- MR. COHEN: (Not present.)
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Sontz.
- MR. SONTZ: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Ms. Molnar.
- MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Eilbacher.
- MR. EILBACHER: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Reisen.
- MR. REISEN: Yay.
- 24 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: So that concludes
- parts (a) and (b.) Now, we'd move to if there's

- 1 any further discussion, anything you would like to
- 2 add with respect to the d(1) variance. As I
- 3 mentioned previously, we will more than likely
- 4 attach a condition -- I don't know if we need to
- 5 attach that condition if this tenant...
- MS. RAZIN: Would variances run with
- 7 the land, so if you wanted any kind of expiration
- 8 clause I would include it now.
- 9 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Okay. Fine. So
- 10 the condition would be that if we have -- if this
- 11 tenant moves out or sells the building or
- 12 whatever, this particular variance is granted for
- this specific logistics company --
- 14 MR. REISEN: And will not run with
- 15 the land.
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Correct.
- MS. RAZIN: Can you just specify to
- me which space again in the building?
- MR. FLYNN: And I want to be clear
- on the condition if the Board acts favorably won't
- interfere with what the Applicant's doing. The
- Valuca Realty, LLC entity is the LLC created to
- 23 purchase the property as the contract purchaser.
- I believe he's going to lease it to his actual
- 25 company which is an LLC affiliate. So I just

- don't want the condition to make that --
- MS. RAZIN: It won't change -- but
- 3 you mean, like, assign it to a different name or
- 4 something like that?
- 5 MR. FLYNN: Right. Because if the
- 6 condition is based on the Applicant's occupancy
- 7 terminating, we want to make sure that the fact
- 8 that the LLC names are different.
- 9 MS. RAZIN: It would run with this
- 10 particular -- I can word it if the Board was
- inclined to grant it with that condition I would
- 12 run with this particular use and Applicant --
- MR. FLYNN: Great.
- MS. RAZIN: Versus --
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Correct. Most
- 16 buildings are owned by an LLC. And even though
- 17 the owner occupies it, it's a separate LLC that
- 18 pays rent. We understand how it works.
- 19 Is there anything else you would
- 20 like to add?
- MR. FLYNN: No. For purposes of the
- 22 motion on the use variance, we would just like to
- incorporate all the prior testimony. And, again,
- hope the Board acts favorably on the application.
- 25 MR. REISEN: Can I just ask; you're

- 1 not going to have any meetings at this office,
- 2 right, besides yourself and the other employee?
- 3 MR. BEVACQUA: Right.
- 4 MR. MASCIALE: Can I just ask one or
- 5 two follow-up questions?
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Sure. Please.
- 7 MR. MASCIALE: Just so we have an
- 8 understanding. If you decide to expand your use
- 9 and add another person or if you decide to stop
- 10 the current tenant there and expand and take it
- on, this variance that we're proposing will not
- 12 cover that use. You would need to come back to
- 13 the Board for expanded use.
- MR. FLYNN: If he were to occupy
- another unit on-site, he would need d(2) relief
- 16 for expansion.
- MR. MASCIALE: For expansion, he
- would have to come back in front of the Board.
- MR. FLYNN: Right. So this one is
- 20 for this player unit.
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Provided that
- 22 expansion is not a P-1.
- MS. RAZIN: Right. And if a P-1 is
- 24 coming in they don't have to --
- 25 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Correct. Any use

- 1 outside of the P-1 description or ordinance would
- 2 have to come back for any other space in the
- 3 building.
- 4 MS. MOLNAR: Are we going to specify
- 5 the exact space that he's taking?
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: I believe that the
- 7 Applicant has testified that the current therapist
- 8 occupies one suite on the first floor, he's going
- 9 to occupy the second suite on the first floor, and
- 10 the second floor is currently vacant and looking
- 11 for a P-1.
- MS. RAZIN: I'm not going to specify
- it by -- I'm going to say suite -- I mean. I'm
- 14 going to say a suite.
- 15 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Okay. Anything
- 16 else?
- MS. RAZIN: There's an audience
- 18 member who would like to...
- 19 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Yes.
- MS. RAZIN: Can you come up, sir?
- 21 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Please. I'll just
- remind you that you're still under oath. Please
- state your name and address for the record one
- 24 more time.
- MR. LUZZI: Thomas Luzzi, 411 Saint

- 1 Marks. I'd like to share not an anecdote but a
- 2 true story to what the gentleman just -- the
- 3 question that I asked, the potential evolution.
- 4 If you know Saint Marks it's a wonderful,
- 5 beautiful Colonial street in Westfield. And it's
- 6 been that way since I've been here for over 20
- 7 years. On the block, midway up the block, in one
- 8 of those wonderful Colonials is a piano teacher.
- 9 When I moved in, there was one piano and one
- 10 teacher. A few years later, there were two pianos
- 11 and two teachers. Ultimately, there were five
- 12 pianos and five teachers. From 2:45 every day
- until 9:00 every night, five days a week.
- 14 Saturdays were recitals, Saturdays was extra days.
- 15 There was a constant flow, a churn, a carousel
- 16 because they were 1/2-hour lessons. So every 1/2
- 17 hour, you have five cars zipping up the street,
- 18 people on their cell phones, kids in soccer
- uniforms, dropping someone off, picking someone
- 20 up. One person, one car, one piano; somewhat
- 21 tolerable. But when your children want to play
- 22 catch, kickball, tag, ride their bicycles, or
- 23 rollerblade in the street it was extremely
- 24 problematic. In fact, it was dangerous. And I'm
- 25 projecting that on your business, sir, but I am

- 1 projecting that those things happen. And it's
- 2 been 20 years where our young children were the
- 3 ones who were at risk of this evolving, growing,
- 4 wonderful business. The DNA of the town is
- 5 wonderful, but five pianos and five teachers every
- 6 1/2 hour was not good. And it brought in other,
- 7 as I said, problematic issues. Especially at
- 8 night, especially in the winter, especially when
- 9 someone was running late. It created other
- 10 issues. Traffic and parking is a serious problem
- in that part of town.
- 12 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Thank you.
- MR. LUZZI: Thank you for your time.
- 14 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: I'm familiar with
- 15 the piano teacher. She's been there for many,
- 16 many years, but I didn't realize there were five
- 17 pianos there. And I'm very familiar with Saint
- 18 Marks, I walk it several times a week. I don't
- 19 think that that's going to be an issue here. As
- 20 Matt has stated as well, that entire street is
- 21 basically all P-1 use. And let's face it, an
- office of an attorney and an office that this
- gentleman is proposing is basically the same
- thing. It's someone sitting at a desk whether
- 25 you're working on a legal brief or whether you're

- 1 working on billing and logistics; you wouldn't be
- 2 able to differentiate. So that's...
- 3 MR. REISEN: And there're five
- 4 spaces, so there's one per each supposed
- 5 professional in this building as well anyway.
- 6 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Correct. And
- 7 depending on the time of day, like I said, I
- 8 literally drive by there every morning at various
- 9 times. There are cars parked in the street at
- 10 times, and there are spots available on the street
- 11 at times. Saint Marks is directly in front of
- this building, perpendicular to it. So that
- having been said, is there anything else you'd
- 14 like to add before we close it?
- MR. FLYNN: No.
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Is there anyone
- 17 else in the audience who would like to address the
- 18 application for the d(1) variance? Seeing none.
- 19 As I mentioned previously, we will require five
- 20 affirmative votes from the Board. We have six,
- 21 members here this evening. We were fortunate
- 22 enough to not have five. So we'll close that
- 23 portion and open it up again to our Board
- 24 discussion.
- I think we've discussed it enough.

- I don't think that there's anything else I need to
- 2 add. Does anyone else like to add anything else?
- 3 The one condition being the one that we discussed
- 4 that this particular use variance will be
- 5 specifically for this tenant in this building.
- 6 Any additional or new tenant that comes in that
- 7 does not comply with the P-1 use as outlined in
- 8 the ordinance will have to come back before the
- 9 Board.
- 10 MS. MOLNAR: Could we also add the
- 11 condition that the parking requirement remains for
- 12 the P-1 zone?
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: The parking
- 14 requirement for the P-1 zone are greater than what
- 15 this gentleman is --
- 16 MS. RAZIN: I think the testimony
- 17 was that it was -- it was an argument of why they
- 18 were suggesting that the d(1) variance be granted
- or that the interpretation be granted because the
- 20 requirements in the other office zone are lesser.
- 21 So if the Board wanted to look to that zone for
- their parking requirements, you could do so. For
- example, if you're having a gas station in this
- zone and it wasn't permitted, you could look to
- 25 that zone to see what the gas parking was. So you

- 1 could look to the other zone and say, okay, the
- 2 one per 250 is what is permitted in that zone. It
- doesn't apply, per se, to all of their uses or it
- 4 wouldn't apply to P-1. It would just be applying
- 5 in this instance or you can look to it for
- 6 reference, but it doesn't apply by the letter of
- 7 the law. It applies by --
- MS. MOLNAR: What was in the legal
- 9 argument; it would then follow the parking
- 10 requirement, it would be the business office
- 11 rather than the professional offices.
- 12 MS. RAZIN: Right. For this
- particular space, their argument, which I read, I
- 14 read was that you could look to that zone for the
- 15 parking, in this instance; which you could.
- 16 MS. MOLNAR: But I'm saying we
- 17 should not.
- 18 MS. RAZIN: But it doesn't matter
- 19 because the P-1 parking -- when an applicant comes
- in for any application and that's in the P-1 zone,
- 21 the P-1 zone applies. Their argument is in this
- instance because you have a use from a different
- 23 zone you could look to that zone. And that's --
- 24 (Crosstalk.)
- 25 MS. MOLNAR: It doesn't apply in

- 1 this case if the parking remains --
- MS. RAZIN: That's your -- I'm not
- 3 going to say whether that's true or not because I
- 4 would very much probably agree --
- 5 MS. MOLNAR: Let's make a condition
- 6 it remains the P-1 parking requirements.
- 7 (Crosstalk.)
- 8 MS. RAZIN: It is. It does.
- 9 MR. FLYNN: We will stipulate that
- 10 the application in no way changes the parking
- 11 calculations for this site for the P-1 zone; if
- 12 that wants to be thrown in as a condition. It was
- only meant to support our argument that the use is
- less intense. And we're not in any way stating
- 15 that we think the parking calculations for this
- 16 zone need to be changed in any way. So whatever
- 17 -- if you want to word it as a condition, we would
- 18 stipulate that to.
- MS. MOLNAR: Very good. Thank you.
- 20 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Having heard your
- 21 testimony, I'm fine with not applying that
- condition, but if the Board wants to, feel free.
- One condition that I mentioned is the one
- 24 pertaining to this particular street. So having
- 25 said that can I have a motion?

- 1 MR. REISEN: Motion to grant the
- 2 application with -- I don't know if the other
- 3 condition is necessary -- just the one condition
- 4 that it will end with the Applicant's termination
- of their ownership of the property and will not
- 6 run with the land.
- 7 MR. EILBACHER: Termination of the
- 8 use, not the ownership, but the use of the
- 9 property.
- MR. REISEN: The use of the
- 11 property, yes.
- MR. EILBACHER: Second.
- 13 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Seconded by
- 14 Mr. Eilbacher. Jenny, please call the roll.
- 15 MS. MANCE: Chairman Fusaro.
- 16 CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Vice-chair Masciale.
- MR. MASCIALE: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Sontz.
- MR. SONTZ: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Ms. Molnar.
- MS. MOLNAR: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Eilbacher.
- MR. EILBACHER: Yes.
- MS. MANCE: Mr. Reisen.

1	MR. REISEN: Aye.
2	CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Your application
3	is approved. Good luck.
4	MR. FLYNN: And thank you for
5	convening the special meeting for our application
6	CHAIRMAN FUSARO: Have a good
7	evening. Motion to adjourn.
8	MR. REISEN: Seconded.
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10	(The meeting was adjourned at
11	8:27 p.m.)
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